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67-YEAR-OLD LAKE HAVASU CITY WOMAN CONVICTED ON MULTIPLE METH CHARGES

PRESCOTT, Ariz. - Norma Sylvia Locklear, 67, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. was found guilty here in federal court of Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine and two counts of Possession With Intent to Distribute less than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine by a federal jury. The case was tried before U.S. District Court Judge Frederick J. Martone earlier this week in Prescott, Ariz. The defendant was remanded into custody after trial. Sentencing is set before Judge Martone on January 17, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

In early September 2003, DEA agents, working with Lake Havasu City Police Department, conducted an undercover operation in which Locklear agreed to sell methamphetamine. During the operation, Locklear added that she carried a gun for protection and was capable of killing someone. During the trial, Locklear testified and admitted the deliveries and that she could kill someone if she became "agitated." Two co-defendants pleaded guilty, one is awaiting trial and a fourth died of natural causes.

A conviction for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, a \$ 2,000,000 fine or both. A conviction for Possession With Intent to Distribute less than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, a \$ 1,000,000 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Martone will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by DEA and the Lake Havasu City Police Department. The prosecution was handled by John Boyle, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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